REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application.

Restriction Requirement

Claims 1-20 are subject to restriction as set forth in the Office Action. Responsive thereto, the election of Group I, claims 1 (in part), 2-4, and 14-20 (in part), drawn to 3-arylbenzofuranones in edible organic compositions, is affirmed. This election is made without traverse.

For the election of Group I, the following variables are further refined, as requested by the Examiner, as they relate to formula (I) of claim 1:

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_2 & R_5 & R_1 & R_1 & R_2 & R_3 & R_4 & R_5 & R_5 & R_5 & R_6 & R_5 & R_6 & R_5 & R_6 & R_$$

n is 1,

R₂ is C₁-C₂₅alkyl,

R₃ is hydrogen,

R₄ is C₁-C₂₅alkyl,

R₅ is hydrogen,

R₆ is hydrogen,

$$R_1$$
 is a radical of the formula II R_7 R_{11} (II)

 $R_{7},\,R_{8},\,and\,\,R_{9}$ are hydrogen, and

 R_{10} and R_{11} are C_1 - C_{25} alkyl.

The single elected species is the compound of formula (Va) which is disclosed in paragraph [0161] of US 2006/0051478, the pre-grant publication of the instant invention, and is named in claim 4.

$$H_3C$$
 CH_3
 CH_3
 CH_3
 CH_3
 CH_3
 CH_3

(Va)

The Applicants respectfully await consideration of the present claims on their merits. In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, Applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

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